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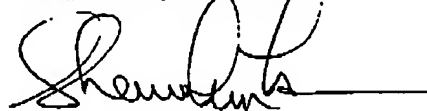
REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough and detailed examination of the present application as evidenced by the Final Action. Applicants further appreciate the indication that Claims 26 and 48 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and that Claims 12, 13, 19-21, 32-35, 45 and 52 are allowed.

In an effort to advance prosecution, Applicants have placed the present application in condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's comments as set forth in the Final Action. More specifically, Applicants have herein canceled, without prejudice, all rejected claims, namely Claims 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14-16, 24, 25, 38-40, 44, 46, 47, 51, 54-56 and 64. Further, Applicants have herein rewritten Claims 26 and 48 in independent form.

Thus, pending Claims 12, 13, 19-21, 26, 32-35, 45, 48 and 52 now meet the Examiner's conditions for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding rejections to the pending claims be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the prosecution of the pending claims to issue. In any event, any questions that the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

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